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Photocopy Services Resumed

On advice of the General Counsel, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Library has resumed photocopying of single articles from journals to which Williams & Wilkins hold copyright (see *NLM News*, May 1967). We hope that the brief cessation of service caused a minimum of inconvenience to the biomedical community.

House Cuts NLM Appropriations Request

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From Report No. 271, House Committee on Appropriations, May 22, 1967 ...

> *National Library of Medicine.*—The bill includes $18,662,000, a reduction of $2,500,000 below the request, and a reduction of $1,530,000 below the appropriation for 1967. The budget request for 1968 included 11 items of increase and six items of decrease from the 1967 funding level. These are set forth on page 658 of part 4 of the hearings and explained in the subsequent narrative. The only change recommended by the committee is a reduction of $2,500,000 for construction grants. $7,500,000 was appropriated for this purpose for 1967 but none is expected to be obligated this year. These funds will carry over to 1968. The budget included a request for an additional appropriation of $5,000,000 for 1968. The bill includes $2,500,000 which will make a total of $10 million available for this purpose.

The bill (H.R. 10196) passed the House as recommended, and now awaits Senate action.

PHS to Combine Communications Components

ATLANTA, GA., May 27, 1967 -- The Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service today called for a vigorous attack on the problems created by the information explosion in the medical and health-related sciences. Dr. William H. Stewart announced, "I have authorized, with the endorsement of Secretary Gardner, the organizational transfer on July 1 of the Public Health Service Audiovisual Facility to the National Library of Medicine."

Dr. Stewart

Speaking via video tape to an audience of eminent physicians, researchers, and educators attending dedication ceremonies of a new Community Medical Television System in the Atlanta area, Dr. Stewart said that the Public Health Service will

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focus attention on improving and accelerating biomedical communications by merging the Service's two major elements concerned with medical communications.

The PHS Audiovisual Facility in Atlanta, Georgia, plans, directs, conducts, and coordinates a national program in biomedical audiovisuals. It will continue to utilize resources at its present location in Atlanta, and in consonance with its broadened role, Dr. Stewart said, "will be renamed the *National Medical Audiovisual Center.* Its strengthened relationship with the world's largest medical library will better serve the needs of medical education, research, and practice."

NLM DIRECTOR ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., in a taped statement immediately following the Surgeon General's announcement, welcomed "the challenge and responsibility" given the National Library of Medicine.

Dr. Cummings spoke of the new relationship as a "major step forward, which will significantly broaden the role and responsibility of NLM in biomedical communications." He continued, "We are concerned particularly with the problems faced by the health practitioner whose efforts to maintain awareness of recent medical findings are being thwarted by a maze of uncoordinated information sources. Thus we must work together toward the most effective application of the newest modalities of information transfer."

Dr. Cummings concluded with a tribute to the new NLM staff. "We look forward to working with Dr. James Lieberman, Director of the new Center, and his able staff. By joining resources, talents, and technologies, we should be able to approach successfully the problem of improving biomedical communications in behalf of our Nation's health."

Dr. Philip R. Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, DHEW, in delivering the keynote address at the dedication ceremony, stressed the significance of the new Community Medical Television System, and called attention to the Surgeon General's statement about the merger as "a very important announcement which will in effect create a national biomedical communication center..."

Dr. Lee

NLM Information on LC Cards

The Library has initiated an experimental project with the Library of Congress to print NLM classification numbers and subject headings in brackets on LC catalog cards for medical titles that NLM is purchasing in Great Britain.

Initially, British books bought by NLM are being sent directly from the London dealer to LC's Shared Cataloging Division, where regular LC subject headings and classification numbers are assigned after the descriptive cataloging has been completed. Before the catalog cards are printed, however, the books with their manuscript cards are forwarded to NLM. The Library's catalogers add NLM numbers and headings to the manuscript cards, which are then returned to LC for printing. The information added by NLM is printed in brackets following the LC added entries.

Citations for these British books appearing in the Name Section of the *NLM Current Catalog* include LC card numbers, printed in the lower right-hand corner; this is intended to facilitate the ordering of the cards, just as inclusion of price facilitates ordering the publications.

At present, only medical books from Great Britain are receiving this double processing. If the project proves workable, both libraries hope to expand coverage to materials received from other countries cooperating in the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging, and, eventually, to all current materials received by LC and classified in their "R" collections. Thus, cataloging information may be provided on LC cards for libraries using NLM subject headings and classification.

Imperfections in Cumulated Index Medicus, 1966

A report has reached the Library concerning missing pages N-1246 to N-1279 in a copy of *CIM* 1966.

Purchasers of *CIM* 1966 who find their copies defective in these or other respects are requested to inform the Office of the Assistant to the Director, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, so that steps may be taken to make corrections.

Historical Prints on Dentistry to be Featured

To coincide with the July 15 publication of a new NLM catalog, *Prints Relating to Dentistry*, the Library will present a display in the lobby. The illustrated catalog, prepared by the History of Medicine Division from selected materials in the HMD collection, will sell for $0.50. (Order from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.) The 36-page catalog (12" x 9") contains reproductions of 64 woodcuts, engravings, etchings, mezzotints, aquatints, and lithographs dating to the 15th century. Originals and photo reproductions will be featured in the exhibition.

New Publication for Medical Educators

Toward Improved Learning, a collection of papers intended to encourage academicians in the health sciences to explore new dimensions in effective communication of knowledge, has been published by the Public Health Service Audiovisual Facility in Atlanta. Included in the 417-page volume are the experiences and ideas of scientist-educators who have explored and developed communications media for improved learning. The articles represent a cross-section of the health sciences -- medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, nursing, hospital administration, and public health. They are concerned with both proven and experimental application of communications media and methodology within the health sciences. Scope ranges from encyclopedic coverage of the pros and cons of a medium in terms of its value for medical educators, to specific problems and intricate details of the communications media as used by educators and institutions.

Single copies of *Toward Improved Learning* may be obtained (free) from Mr. Robert Sumpter, Public Health Service Audiovisual Facility Annex, Chamblee, Georgia 30005.

NLM Summer Hours in Effect

The Library is now open to the public daily, Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History of Medicine Division will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Library will be closed evenings, Sundays, Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, and Labor Day, Monday, September 4. Regular hours will be resumed on Tuesday, September 5.

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